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APPLICANTS: Chapman et al.

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Mail Stop RCE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, for the above-identified application. Check No. 21739 in the amount of \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18242-508 CIP2. A duplicate copy of this Petition

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